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Filed: October 3, 2003	)	Confirmation Number: 3345
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	)	Family Number: P2002J110 US2

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Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made, if and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be $_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

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Total Claims	* 21	Minus	** 28		x 50.00	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants take this opportunity before the receipt of a First Action on the Merits to present a substitute set of claims for examination in the present application.

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